

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A pet house substantially formed from a unitary blank of material; the house being foldable from a collapsed state for shipping and storage to an erect state for use; said house comprising:

a bottom; said bottom having first, second, third and fourth edges;  
first and second side walls attached to one another forming an apex at the top of  
said house; said first side wall attached to said first edge of said bottom;  
at least one slot in said bottom near said second edge;  
at least one locking tab extending from said second side wall; said locking tab  
received in said slot; and  
first and second end walls; said first end wall having an opening therein to permit  
the pet to enter and exit said house; said first end wall attached to said third edge of said  
bottom; said second end wall attached to said fourth edge of said bottom; a means for attaching  
said first end wall to said first and second side walls; a means for attaching said second end  
wall to said first and second side walls.

2. A pet house as set forth in Claim 1 further including first and second extensions attached  
to said first end wall and third and fourth extensions attached to said second end wall; said first  
and third extensions being fastened to said first side wall; said second and fourth extensions  
being fastened to said second side wall.

3. A pet house as set forth in Claim 2 further including at least one hole in said first  
extension; a first hole along one edge of first side wall; said hole in said first extension aligning  
with said first hole forming first aligned holes; a first clip received in said first aligned holes; at  
least one hole in said second extension; a second hole along one edge of said second side wall;  
said hole in said second extension aligning with said second hole forming second aligned holes;

a second clip received in said second aligned holes; at least one hole in said third extension; a third hole along another edge of said first side wall; said hole in said third extension aligning with said third hole forming third aligned holes; a third clip received in said third aligned holes; at least one hole in said fourth extension; a fourth hole along another edge of said second side wall; said hole in said fourth extension aligning with said fourth hole forming fourth aligned holes; a fourth clip received in said fourth aligned holes.

4. A pet house as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said at least one slot includes a plurality of slots and wherein at least said one locking tab includes a plurality of locking tabs.

5. A pet house as set forth in Claim 4 wherein each locking tab includes a shaft and a head; said head extending into the inside of said house.

6. A pet house as set forth in Claim 5 wherein each of said shafts extend around said fourth edge of said bottom.

7. A pet house as set forth in Claim 1 wherein each side wall includes a short vertical section and a long section; said long sections, together are substantially in the shape of two legs of a solid isosceles triangle.

8. A method for assembling a pet house from a substantially unitary blank of material from a collapsed state; said collapsed blank of material having a bottom with first, second, third and fourth edges; first and second side walls attached to one another; said first side wall attached to said first edge of said bottom; at least one slot in said bottom near said second edge; at least one locking tab extending from said second side wall; first and second end walls; said first end wall having an opening therein; said first end wall attached to said third edge of said bottom; said second end wall attached to said fourth edge of said bottom, comprising the steps of:  
folding said blank where said first end wall is attached to said third edge of said bottom so that said first end wall extends upwardly;

folding said blank where said second end wall is attached to said fourth edge of said bottom so that said second end wall extends upwardly;

    folding said blank where said first side wall is attached to said first edge of said bottom so that said first side wall extends upwardly;

    folding said blank where said first side wall is attached to said second side wall wherein an apex is formed at the top of the house;

    inserting said locking tab into said slot;

    attaching said first end wall to said first and second side walls; and

    attaching said second end wall to said first and second side walls.

9.     A method as set forth in Claim 8 further including first and second extensions attached to said first end wall and third and fourth extensions attached to said second end wall; fastening said first and third extensions to said first side wall; fastening said second and fourth extensions to said second side wall.

10.    A method as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said at least one slot includes a plurality of slots and said at least one locking tab includes a plurality of locking tabs; each tab including a shaft and a head; extending said shafts around the fourth edge of said bottom; inserting said tabs into said slots so that said heads of said tabs extend into the inside of said house.